



State Transportation Commission

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Overview of Presentation

- **MDOT 2005 Budget**
- **Context Sensitive Design**
- **Reauthorization Update**

2005 Budget

- **Passed by the House 9/29/04**
- **Total \$3.3 billion**
- **Continuation budget**
- **No major program cuts**
- **Includes increased legislative oversight**

2005 Budget

- **Legislative oversight includes:**
 - **Establishing performance measures for local transit agencies**
 - **Compliant process for charter violations**
 - **Review of proposed distribution of federal funds to MDOT and local units of government**



Context Sensitive Design: Background and Policy Activities



Context Sensitive Design:

- Relies on a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach to project development**
- Has early stakeholder involvement**
- Results in better projects for communities while maintaining safety and mobility**

(Source: Governor Granholm's Executive Directive No. 2003-25)

Aesthetics Policy (adopted in 2000)

- **MDOT shall protect, preserve and enhance its existing aesthetic resources wherever possible.**
- **A corridor approach to aesthetic treatments shall be undertaken where appropriate.**
- **The Department shall keep abreast of national efforts in aesthetic development**
- **The Department shall develop guidelines for implementation of this policy.**

Activities

- **Interdisciplinary internal team**
- **Working with stakeholders**
- **Applied for FHWA CSS designated state status**
- **Training**
 - **National Highway Institute Class held**
 - **Three training modules under development**

Stakeholder Focus Group Policy Worksheets ask:

- **Focus Area (What?):**
- **Background (Why?)**
- **Alternatives Discussed (How?):**
- **Recommendations (Specify if for CSD Policy, Guideline or Procedure):**
- **Define Success:**

What have we accomplished so far?

- **Increased stakeholder understanding of MDOT's business practices**
- **Learned that clear communication pays dividends**
- **Identified that stakeholders very interested in how MDOT handles local agency projects**
- **Learned that stakeholders don't always agree amongst themselves**

What's Next?

Stakeholder Workshop on Dec. 14:

- Focus Group reports on policy worksheets**
- Complete a draft policy for Commission review**
- Establish measurements of success**
- Create a timeline for implementation**
- Create a plan for ongoing stakeholder involvement**

Report back to the Commission in early 2005



Reauthorization Update



TEA-21 Reauthorization Status

- **4th short-term extension expires shortly**
 - Highway portion expired Sept. 24, 2004
 - Other portions expire Sept. 30, 2004
- **Congress cannot complete a 6 year bill before this extension expires**

TEA-21 Reauthorization

- **Another 8-month extension has been introduced**
- **A shorter extension is also still possible**
- **There is significant pressure to complete a bill before October 8 recess**

The Latest Proposal

- **\$299 b total; \$284 b in guaranteed spending**
 - **Equity Bonus or Minimum Guarantee of 92%**
 - **Scope of equity includes 93% of funds**
 - **Offset by \$15 b rescission of old balances**
 - **Other details not available**
- **Said to be the highest funding level the administration will support**

What it Means to Michigan

- **Could provide an estimated \$200 to \$250 million average annual increase over TEA-21 annual average for Michigan**

TEA-21 Reauthorization

- **Without a bill or extension by Sept. 30**
 - **Problems for close out of FY 2004**
 - **Furlough days for USDOT employees**
 - **No FHWA reimbursements to state DOTs**